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In re Appln. of: Akio Taniguchi et al.

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For: **THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER
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ARTICLE**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 31, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows: